

IN THE CLAIMS:

22. (Currently Amended) An object, comprising:

a support frame having a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the support frame;

a frame retaining sleeve for retaining the frame member; and

a covering placed over but not enclosing the support frame, the covering being separate and removable from the support frame;

wherein the frame member is collapsible to the folded position by twisting and folding to form a plurality of concentric rings to substantially reduce the size of the support frame in the folded position.

23. (Original) The object of claim 22, wherein the support frame is a first support frame, the object further including:

a second support frame having a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the second support frame;

wherein the first and second support frames are hingedly coupled to each other; and

wherein the covering is placed over the first and second support frames.

24. (Original) The object of claim 22, wherein the support frame is a first support frame, the object further including:

a second support frame, a third support frame, and a fourth support frame, each having a left side, a right side, and a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the respective support frame;

wherein the left side of each support frame is hingedly coupled to the right of an adjacent support frame to define an enclosed space; and

wherein the covering is placed over the first, second, third and fourth support frames to cover the enclosed space.

25. (Currently Amended) An object, comprising:

a support frame having a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the support frame; and

a covering placed over but not enclosing the support frame when the support frame is in the unfolded orientation, the covering being separate and removable from the support frame;

wherein the frame member is collapsible to the folded position by twisting and folding to form a plurality of concentric rings to substantially reduce the size of the support frame in the folded position.

26. (Original) The object of claim 25, wherein the support frame is a first support frame, the object further including:

a second support frame having a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the second support frame;

wherein the first and second support frames are hingedly coupled to each other; and

wherein the covering is placed over the first and second support frames.

27. (Original) The object of claim 25, wherein the support frame is a first support frame, the object further including:

a second support frame, a third support frame, and a fourth support frame, each having a left side, a right side, and a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the respective support frame;

wherein the left side of each support frame is hingedly coupled to the right of an adjacent support frame to define an enclosed space; and

wherein the covering is placed over the first, second, third and fourth support frames to cover the enclosed space.